

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 6-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 3-5 have been objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim. The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) and §1.85(p)(4). The specification and claims have been objected to for containing various informalities.

In response to a restriction requirement, Claims 1-8 have been elected without traverse. Claims 9-39 have been withdrawn.

Claim 4 is hereby canceled. Claim 1 is currently amended to incorporate all of the recitations of Claim 4. Claims 3 and 5 are currently amended to read as independent claims and contain all of the recitations of canceled Claim 1.

Upon entry of the above amendment, Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6-8.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to under § 1.84(p)(5) for containing reference signs that are not mentioned in the description. Specifically, the Examiner objects to Figures 2, 3, 14, 16, and 18.

The Examiner states that reference letter “m”, which appears in Figure 2, is not mentioned in the description. Above, Applicants have amended the last paragraph on page 13 to indicate that “m” refers to the direction of oscillation.

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The Examiner objects to Figure 3 because Figure 3 is not named in the description and reference number “30” is not mentioned in the specification. Therefore, Applicants have amended the first sentence of the first full paragraph of page 14 by mentioning Figure 3 and by changing reference number “30” in Figure 3 to reference number “20”.

The Examiner objects to Figures 14 and 18 because reference sign “10” is not described in the specification. Therefore, Applicants have amended the specification to insert the reference number “10” after the word “layer” on page 46, line 19, and on page 49, line 16.

The Examiner objects to Figure 16 because reference numbers “90” and “95” are allegedly not described in the description. Applicants note that reference number “90” appears in the specification on page 47, line 7. Applicants have also amended the second full paragraph on page 47 of the specification to include reference number “95” by adding “an index ellipsoid 91’ which is horizontally oriented in a retardation film 90 on the lower side with a liquid crystal cell 95 sandwiched therebetween.”

Turning to the objections of the drawings for failing to comply with § 1.84(p)(4), the Examiner bases the objection on the fact that reference number “15” has been used to designate both a substrate and a random light. Above, Applicants have amended Figure 1 so that the random light refers to “16” rather than “15”.

In view of the changes to the specification, as well as Figure 1, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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Objection to the Specification and Claims

The specification and Claims 3-5 are objected to because the molecular structures are designated C1 through C20, whereas the description refers to the structures as 1 through 20. Therefore, the Specification, at pages 4 through 6, and Claim 3 are amended herewith to refer to the compounds as 1 through 20.

Claims 4 and 5 are also objected to on the grounds that the language "light to be irradiated" is inaccurate in that light is used to irradiate. Applicants have canceled Claim 4 deleted the language "light to be irradiated" from Claim 5.

Thus, Applicants respectfully seek reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification and Claims 3 and 5.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,523,127 to Ohnishi et al. Applicants note that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 3-5 recite allowable subject matter.

The recitations of Claim 4 are herewith incorporated into Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully seek reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Fig.1

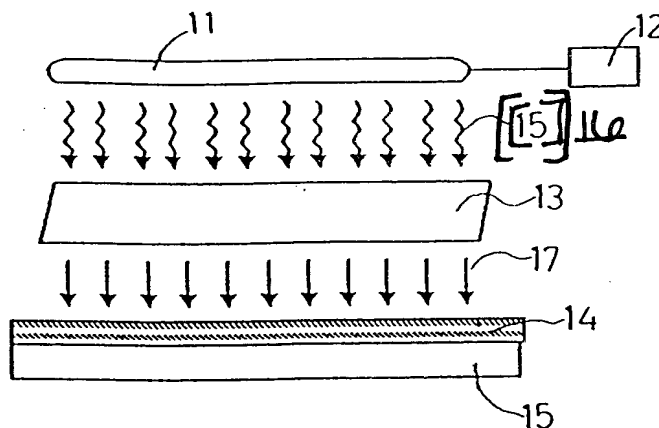


Fig.2

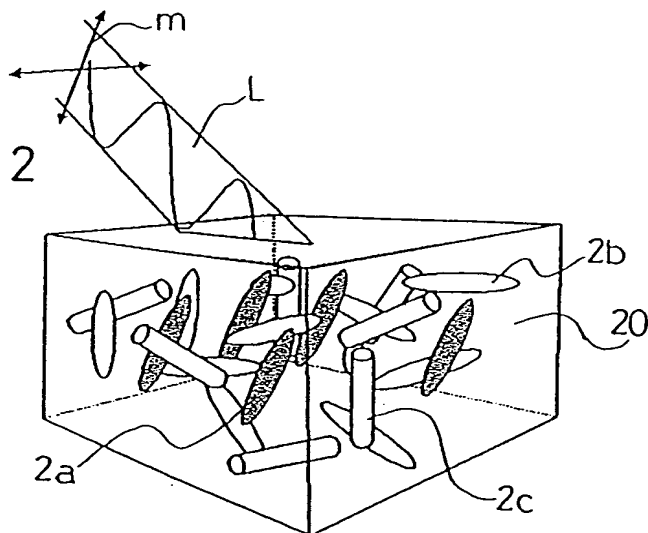


Fig.3

